Gen. Jas. R. O'Beirne, of the class of '54, has been appointed by Mayor Strong Commissioner of Charities for a term of six years, beginning January 1st. We congratulate Gen. O'Beirne, and hope that this is but an earnest of greater dignities to be conferred on him in the near future, in recognition of the many and manifold services he has done for New York. We clip the following from the New York Freeman's Journal of December 28th.

"Gen. James R. O'Beirne is fifty-two years of age. He was born in Ireland and left there when nine months old. He was educated at St. Francis Xavier's College and at St. John's College, New York, and took the degree of A. M. and L.L.D. at the latter institution. He has always been, as he expresses it, a radical Republican.

"O'Beirne enlisted as a private in the Seventh Regiment, then entered the Thirty-seventh Regiment of Volunteers, known as the Irish Rifles, as sergeant; was made first lieutenant and later captain; was wounded three times, being once shot through the lungs at the battle of Chancellorville. He was rapidly promoted to the rank of major, lieutenant-colonel and colonel, and was confirmed by the Senate in 1865 as brigadier-general.

"After the war he was appointed Register of Wills in the District of Columbia; then became Deputy United States Marshal, and was for some time acting marshal of the District. Just previous to the assassination of President Lincoln, the latter recommended him for military governor of the District, but the appointment was not made owing to the calumny which befell the President.

"He was appointed Assistant Commissioner of Emigration at this port under President Harrison, and was acting commissioner while Commissioner Webster was in Europe.

"Gen. O'Beirne was also in the newspaper business. He was Washington correspondent for the Times, and Indian war correspondent for the Herald."

WITH OUR FRIENDS.

We have just received a bound volume of the essays which carried off the highest honors at the last examinations at the University of Pennsylvania. They were written by our old boys, Dr. Jas. Walsh, '84, and his brother, Dr. Joseph Walsh, '90. We congratulate our doctors, and hope that they will go on adding glory to the old renown of alma mater.

—The evening of January 14th we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. James N. Butler, '84.

—About a month ago we got a letter from a lady in the city asking for some copies of the June Monthly, 1895, as there was a reference in it to her brother. We were unable to find out who her brother was, so, with the copies, we sent a letter asking for information. In answer comes the following:

"I received your letter and papers, and thank you very much for them. Many a happy day I spent, when a very little girl, visiting my two brothers at Fordham College. Bub is now in Buffalo, and I have sent your letter to him, and I am sure he will be only too glad to write to you."

A day or two after we received a letter from Melchior B. Mason. From it we learn that the reference was to Thomson Mason, who was graduated in June, '69. Melchior, then in classics, left school with his brother. Thomson died several years ago. Melchior is assistant agent of the D. L. & W. R. R., Black Rock. We also learned from his letter that he has pleasant recollections of St. John's and the Rose Hill B.B.C. In our answer we asked him to put his recollections on paper, so that his reminiscences might delight and uneath other old boys, as Mr. Cristadoro's in the June issue, 1895, had delighted and uneathed him.

—Shortly after the holidays Mr. Alfred V. Amy, '88, was married to Miss Estelle Rogers by Rev. Neil McKinnon, S.J., in the Church of the Holy Name.

—Mr. Arthur T. Nicholson, who left from classics '91, son of Donald Nicholson, managing editor of the New York "Tribune," was married on January 15th to Miss Agnes T. Dunne.

—Mr. Joseph Farrell, of the class of '96, was with us January 22d. He is at present engaged in editorial work on the staff of the "Times-Union," Albany.

—Mr. R. O. Hughes, of the class of '98, spent the greater part of February 2d and 3d with us. Mr. Hughes is a loyal Fordhamite, and it does us good to see him around. He was present at the mass on the feast of the Purification when Fr. W. G. Read Mullan, S.J., took his last vows, and sang a very beautiful "Ave Maria." We hope to see him again before he goes back to the Seminary, to remind him of a promise he made us, the keeping of which will interest our readers.

—On the 9th of January we got a letter from John B. Rosado, of the class of '97, with his subscription and best wishes to the Fordhams for a successful baseball season. We are glad to hear from John, and hope that letters from Belize, British Honduras, will get here often.

—A score or so of the resident alumni of various Catholic colleges met a few weeks ago in Boston, and there formed a permanent organization. The majority of offices went to Boston College men, but the Fordham representative, Mr. John J. Dockry, '95, managed to secure a place on the Executive Committee.

—Mr. Charles T. Long, who was with us in '79-'80, dropped in to see us the other day. He was delighted with the many improvements made in the college since his day. Mr. Long is Canadian correspondent for the London Standard. He lives in Toronto.

—Dr. Robert Carmody, '92, and Mr. Peter Com-